

# Deborah Martin Designs

brings beauty to the  
bath and beyond

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Fewer projects yield greater accretive value to a home than a bathroom full gut renovation. Bathrooms are one of the most expensive areas of a home in terms of construction, and they're where people spend a great deal of time. With the goal of demonstrating that money had been well spent, Deborah Martin Designs collaborated with Home Improvement and More, Inc., on a North Shore design/build project that produced nothing short of spectacular results.

Dating back to the home's original construction nearly 30 years ago, this master bathroom was originally built to the highest standards with features that included an oversize jacuzzi tub,







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steam shower, built-in sound system, and floor to ceiling decorative tile. Three decades, however, do not stand the test of time in a space where luxurious amenities have become the new norm. The homeowners had contemplated this renovation a year prior, but a leak traced to this bathroom threatened to compromise other spaces in this two story brick home putting this project on the fast track to completion.

The design intent in the master bathroom was to create a full-amenity luxuriously spacious retreat. Eliminating the oversize jacuzzi yielded enough space to introduce a wall-hung double sink vanity with mirror-mounted crystal sconces simultaneously creating a focal point, while cost-consciously maintaining plumbing lines. The dated tile enclosed shower was replaced by a custom glass shower enclosure with a three way shower system. A frosted glass pocket door affords privacy in an adjacent space that houses a wall hung toilet and bidet.

A mirrored freestanding tub floats in front of the plantation shuttered window between the vanity and shower. Decorative lighting always features prominently as a design element in Deborah's projects, and for this space she chose a crystal chandelier suspended from thin wires that seems to float in the space. It is an exquisite source of soft ambient lighting that these homeowners take great pleasure in.

A wall mounted flat screen television is visible from both the tub

and vanity areas, and recessed Bose speakers add to the sensory experiences afforded in this space.

With the completion of the master bathroom floor plan, Deborah turned her attention to choosing finishes that would result in a soothingly transportive color palette. White, large format wall and floor tiles are accented by a Carrera and Thassos marble inlay border around the room's perimeter. This border also appears as a custom design on the shower's focal wall. The double sink vanity countertop and oversize custom shower niche were expertly fabricated by Elegante Granite and Marble. Polished chrome fixtures and hardware continue the cool color story.

The bathroom's cool palette is repeated in the adjacent dressing area wardrobes with closed door shelving and drawers and in the walk in closets. Broadloom in both the bedroom and closet areas was replaced by five-inch wide, solid wood plank flooring in a dark finish. A watery blue Sherwin Williams paint was chosen for the walls and contrasts beautifully with



Custom finish wardrobes and storage units make for effortless dressing

black and white iconic portrait photography in three locations.

Deborah Martin reconfigured the floor plan to better utilize an adjacent dressing area connecting the master bedroom to the master bedroom that bridges his and hers dedicated walk in closets. An un-

used long single sink vanity with recessed soffit lighting was ripped out to make way for additional concealed storage. The walk in closets were gutted from floor to ceiling and redesigned by Symmetry Designs into beautifully functional spaces with ample storage

features. With careful attention to every detail, this intimate and personal space has been beautifully transformed into a functionally elegant master suite retreat that these homeowners can enjoy for years to come. 🏠

